

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

Twentieth Annual Session

OF THE

Mobile Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Bayou la Batre Baptist Church,
Bayou la Batre, Mobile County, Ala.,

July 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, 1900.

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MOBILE, ALA.

G. J. ROBERTSON, - - - - - Clerk and Treasurer,
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Order of Business.

1. Call to order by former Moderator.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Reading Letters from Churches and Enrollment of Messengers.
4. Election of Officers: Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Appoint Special Committees: Devotional, Nominations, &c
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Reports from Standing Committees:
 - Executive Committee.
 - Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
 - Sunday Schools.
 - Education.
 - Woman's Work.
 - Orphanage.
8. Reports of Special Committees.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Elect Executive Committee.
11. Appoint Standing Committees.
12. Elect Delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.
13. Time and Place of Next Meeting.
14. Miscellaneous Business.
15. Adjournment.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be styled **The Mobile Baptist Association**, and it shall meet annually at such time and place as may be duly determined.

ARTICLE II.

It shall be composed of all pastors within the bounds of this Association and of messengers from Baptist Churches holding substantially the articles of Faith adopted by this body. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members.

ARTICLE III.

We adopt as our scripture belief the "Declaration of Faith" as published in the Baptist Church manual by the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

Its object shall be, without interfering with the independence of the Churches, to concentrate Christian effort in the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom at home and abroad.

ARTICLE V.

Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall perform the usual duties of such officers. They shall be elected annually by ballot, and remain in office until their successors are elected. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be in one.

ARTICLE VI.

Corresponding messengers from other bodies of our Denomination shall be entitled to all privileges except voting.

ARTICLE VII.

The business of this Association shall be conducted, between its sessions, by an Executive Committee of thirteen members, appointed annually, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer shall receive and distribute all funds belonging to the Association and give an itemized report thereof, annually.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

MINUTES.

1. THE MOBILE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its twentieth session with the Bayou la Batre Baptist Church, Thursday, July 5th, at 8.30 o'clock p. m.

The Association was called to order by the former Moderator, H. H. Shell; Clerk, E. R. Quattlebaum. After devotional services, Rev. J. A. Howard, of Marion, Alabama, preached from 1 John 3:13. After the sermon the Association adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9.30 o'clock.

FRIDAY.—MORNING SESSION.

2. After devotional services conducted by H. P. Hanson, E. O. Fowlkes and G. J. Robertson were appointed to read the letters from the churches.

The following brethren were recognized as accredited messengers:

ST. FRANCIS-STREET CHURCH—W. J. E. Cox, R. L. Maupin, G. J. Robertson, W. T. West, E. R. Quattlebaum, E. O. Fowlkes and J. B. Robertson.

PALMETTO STREET—H. H. Shell, T. B. Settle, T. W. Davis, Frank Barlow.

SHELL BANKS—H. P. Hanson, H. H. Hanson.

THEODORE—J. O. Bolton.

CITRONELLE—T. W. Coleman.

PROVIDENCE—Not represented.

SHADY GROVE—A. J. Hubbard,

MAUVILLA—J. C. Williams.

GRAND BAY—D. F. Russell.

BAY MINETTE—Not represented.

NEWELL CHAPEL—Lafayette Newell, Lewis Neese.

UNION—A. B. Gaston, J. U. Thompson, Jr.

BAY SHORE—Not represented.

MOUNT PLEASANT—W. P. Roberts.

BAYOU LA BATRE—Warren White.

ZION—Lewis J. Rowell.

BETHANY—Not represented.

PINE GROVE—Not represented.

VISITORS—W. J. Lee, Salem Association, Miss.; W. B. Crumpton State Secretary, and J. A. Howard, of the Alabama Baptist.

3. The following officers were elected: R. L. Maupin, Moderator; G. J. Robertson, Clerk and Treasurer.

4. The following Devotional Committee was appointed: E. O. Fowlkes, H. P. Hanson, Warren White, O. T. White and Miss Emma McLean.

5. E. O. Fowlkes read the report of the Executive Committee, and after discussion by E. O. Fowlkes, W. J. E. Cox, E. R. Quattlebaum, H. P. Hanson, W. T. West, Frank Barlow and J. A. Howard, action was deferred until afternoon session.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MOBILE, ALA., July 5, 1900.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Since the meeting of our Association at Bay Minette, your Executive Committee have held three meetings, at which time the detail work of our Master's cause in the Mobile Association was discussed, and we have used our best efforts to faithfully prosecute the same. The State Mission collections from our churches (upon which we are dependent) to push forward this work here, has been somewhat disappointing, hence we have been forced to reduce amounts supplementing the salaries of Pastors to the churches needing financial assistance.

We have agreed to aid until January 1st, 1901, the following churches, viz: Citronelle, Mauvilla, Providence, Mount Pleasant, Shady Grove, Grand Bay. Your committee feel that they have used their best judgment in distribution of funds on hand. For figures see Treasurer's report.

When we consider the results, SPIRITUALLY, of the work done within the bounds of our Association, it behooves us brethren, to combine our PRAYERS, HEARTS and ENERGIES MORE FERVENTLY to the Lord, that He will lead our people from darkness "Into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

And during this session of our Association, we recommend, that our brethren MORE FULLY understand the committee's plan of action, discuss MORE FREELY the work necessary to advance our Master's Kingdom, making suggestions to accomplish more effectual service in future.

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. FOWLKES, Chairman.

6. The Devotional Committee made the following report:

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee recommend as follows: Friday and Saturday—Morning Session 9.30 to 12 m.: Recess from 12 to 2 p. m. Evening Session 2 to 5 p. m. Preaching Friday 8 p. m. by Rev. M. E. Hulbert; Preaching Saturday 8 p. m. by H. H. Shell. Sunday 9.30 a. m., Sunday School led by G. J. Robertson; Talk to the Children by Miss Lida B. Robertson; Other Short Addresses; Preaching 11 a. m. by W. B. Crumpton; 8 p. m., by W. J. E. Cox.

7. The following committee on Order of Business was appointed: W. J. E. Cox, A. J. Hubbard and Frank Barlow.

FRIDAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

8. After devotional exercises the committee on Order of Business made the following report:

2 to 3—Report of Executive Committee. 3 to 4—Missions, State, Home and Foreign. 4 to 4.30—Education. 4.30 to 5—Temperance. 8 p. m.—Missions.

SATURDAY—9.30 to 10—Devotional Exercises. 10 to 10.30—Woman's Work. 10.30 to 11.30—Sunday Schools. 11.30 to 12—Publication and Colportage. 2 to 2.30—Orphanage. 2.30 to 3.30—Special Committees. 3.30 to 4—Report of Treasurer; Election of Executive Committee. 4 to 4.30—Appoint Standing Committees and elect Delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions. 4.30 to 5—Miscellaneous Business.

9. The report of the Executive Committee was again taken up and was adopted after further discussion by W. B. Crumpton, H. H. Shell, R. L. Maupin D. F. Russell and A. J. Hubbard.

10. The report on State Missions was read by the Secretary:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This department of work is in the hands of the State Board of Missions at Montgomery. Secretary W. B. Crumpton is expected to give attention to the mission work in Alabama, and also to Home and Foreign missions. The board has employed this year about thirty-five missionaries. This does not represent all the mission work being done in the State. Many associations have missionaries employed, who work under the direction of their local boards.

At some important centres the board supplements the salary of the churches; in some sections missionaries are employed for large territories—in other places colporters are employed, whose business it is to organize Sunday Schools and sell Bibles. The board is anxious to go more extensively into the colportage work. One of the missionaries of the board is a consecrated woman. She goes into the homes, distributes literature, talks to the women and children and organizes them into mission societies. She is doing a great work, and doubtless, other women, as they are found suited for the work, will be employed. The board could easily employ one hundred and fifty missionaries if the money was supplied; the money would be supplied if the churches would adopt sensible plans for raising it.

The effort made by the Secretary to introduce the pledge card among the churches, to be used along with the envelope system, has much of promise in it for the future. MORE MONEY is the great need of all our boards. We recommend to all our churches the use

of the pledge card and mission envelopes which can be had by writing to W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HUBBARD,

For the Committee.

11. The report on Home Missions was read by E. R. Quattlebaum:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission field embraces the Southern States, Cuba and the Indian and Oklahoma Territories. Our western frontier extends from Kansas on the north to the Gulf of Mexico on the south and is about 1,000 miles long by about 500 miles wide. In this field alone last year 285 missionaries were employed; 66 in the Indian Territory; 48 in the Oklahoma Territory, and 171 in Texas. Not only the Indians, but thousands of western-bound immigrants have been reached with the Gospel. The Home Mission Board have spent in this work during the past year as follows: In Indian Territory in cash \$4,748.20, in boxes \$6,392.51; in Oklahoma Territory in cash \$2,843.66, in boxes \$7,768.28; in Texas in cash \$6,780.30, in boxes \$8,668.

Counting the cost of this work it seems large, but reckoned in dollars and cents alone it will prove to be a profitable investment. Though poor now, these churches will some day be self-supporting and contributors to the cause of civilization and Christianity. Such towns as Dallas, Fort Worth and Waco, Texas, were not many years ago frontier settlements. Last year the first church of Dallas alone gave \$1,500 to State missions and \$1,000 to Foreign missions.

In the Southern States our Home mission fund has contributed as follows: To Alabama in cash at the rate of \$1,000. In Arkansas in cash \$1,650, in boxes of mdse. \$1,898.75. In Florida in cash \$4,120. in mdse. \$1,041.50. In Georgia in cash \$1,463.64. In Kentucky in cash \$2,953.98. In Louisiana in cash \$4,360.38, and in mdse \$1,065.14. Maryland in cash \$1,426.90. Maryland, German work special \$119.68. Mississippi in cash \$1,580.00. Missouri in cash \$2,942.68. North Carolina in cash \$3,616.44. Tennessee in cash \$2,500.00. Virginia in cash \$1,388.48. In Cuba this fund has also contributed \$9,546.93.

This mission fund, obtained from various sources in cash and merchandise, amounted last year to \$107,378.88—Alabama contributing \$1,745.91 in mdse and \$4,820.20 in cash, or a total of \$6,566.11. Result: Sunday Schools organized 639; expended on houses of worship \$68,223.00; houses of worship improved 63; houses of worship built 71; churches constituted 145; total number received by letter and baptism 11,950; number of churches and stations 2,168; number of missionaries employed 671.

12. The report on Foreign Missions was read by J. C. Williams:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

While we are striving to upbuild the cause of our blessed Master in our own Association, let us not forget in its broadest sense the great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," but fulfill it by sending the gospel to those nations teeming with millions of souls now groping in darkness.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Surely we, who have received so much should be willing to give something of our means, if not ourselves, toward the advancement of the Master's kingdom among those unenlightened people whom the dear Lord continues to love, and to whom he commissions us to deliver His divine message.

Our brethren in the foreign fields have been standing nobly at their posts of duty. In faith and hope have they been battling for the souls of men, and God has blessed their labors of love.

Dr. Willingham, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, reported 845 baptisms last year, the largest number in the history of the work. This year he reports 1341. Should not every Christian rejoice in this great increase, this newly acquired influence! Should not the faithful instructors feel grateful that God has so blessed their labors?

In 1896, after fifty years of work, our living membership in foreign lands was 3801. During the last three years we have added by baptism 2887.

From the statistical table of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Missions for the year 1899-1900, we get the following figures: China has 23 churches, 47 missionaries, 9 ordained natives, 2299 membership, 875 Sunday School scholars, 34 day schools, 949 day scholars, contribution \$2107.74. Africa—6 churches, 7 missionaries, 2 ordained natives, 385 membership, 118 Sunday School scholars, 4 day schools, 81 day scholars, contributions \$643.24. Italy—24 churches, 1 missionary, 624 membership, 257 Sunday school scholars, contributions \$823.00. Mexico—32 churches, 12 missionaries, 10 ordained natives, 1232 membership, 428 Sunday School scholars, 3 day schools, 85 day scholars, contributions \$865.00. Brazil—27 churches, nineteen missionaries, 7 ordained natives, 1922 membership, 650 Sunday School scholars, 4 day schools, 172 day scholars, contributions \$2,601.00. Japan—churches 1, missionaries 8, ordained natives 1, membership 75, Sunday School scholars 80, contributions \$55.00. Expended \$140,600; 1901-\$200,000.

From the above statistics we can take a hopeful view of the work in all foreign lands, especially in China, where climatic fevers have prostrated so many of our missionaries, and where the turmoil of war now reigns. With 100,000 Protestant converts, our missionaries, Christian schools and distribution of Bibles, we cannot but wield a mighty power in breaking down heathen ignorance, in building up intelligence and in establishing the everlasting gospel truths.

"Our fathers worked in faith and laid a sure foundation in God on which we are building," and we hope shall continue to build while time lasts. Let our love for the heathen so grow that we shall press forward with greater zeal and more earnest consecration in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. J. ROBERTSON,

R. L. MAUPIN,

JOHN C. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

13. The letter from Union Church was read and names of messengers enrolled,

14. Discussion on State, Home and Foreign Missions was deferred until 8 o'clock.

15. The report on Education was read by the clerk and was adopted after discussion by W. B. Crumpton, W. J. E. Cox, H. H. Shell, E. O. Fowlkes and J. C. Williams.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education would respectfully submit the following:

A trained mind in a trained body, if it be found in the way of the Lord, is certainly a most desirable accomplishment. If the man who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, is to be regarded as one who has not lived in vain, how much more then can it be said if the man or woman, who delves in mental soil and demonstrates to the world the powers, capabilities and possibilities of the human mind.

How important that the young man who aspires to teach and preach, in the name of our Lord, should be thoroughly equipped for the grandest and most important of all work. He who at 12 years of age, in the Temple confounded and astonished the learned members of the Sanhedrim, also took the unlearned and unlettered Galileans and put them under his tutelage until they were fitted for their first missionary tour.

The record of Peter's Pentecostal sermon attest his literary, as well as his spiritual progress, while it is not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord. Nevertheless the Lord puts no premium on ignorance, especially when it can be avoided. The opportunities for both a religious and secular education are not lacking in our midst.

The study of the Bible at the present time is receiving more attention in many of our institutions of learning than ever before.

D. L. Moody, the founder of the Bible Institute at Northfield, Mass., gathered from his own experience, the necessity for a better equipment of those who would proclaim in the Master's name, and he devoted the greater part of the late years of his life to the betterment and enlargement of that school. He did not live to complete his work in that direction, but left it as a precious legacy to his son.

It was the same spirit that caused the noble and self-sacrificing men of our Southland to establish the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, now at Louisville, Ky., the Howard College at East Lake and the Judson at Marion. The two latter have just emerged from a period of financial depression, and have entered on a new era of prosperity. Before closing we would urge upon the Association the importance of a deeper interest in ministerial education. At our last meeting the report showed that there was but one church in the Association that contributed at all to that fund, and this year's report will show no contribution at all. The question arises: Can we afford to neglect the young men who are struggling through poverty to fit themselves for our Master's service.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LOCKE, Chairman.

16. H. H. Shell was appointed to write an account of the proceedings of the Association for the Alabama Baptist.

FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

17. After devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were discussed by W. B. Crumpton, W. J. E. Cox and G. J. Robertson, and then adopted.

18. The following brethren were appointed a committee on Time, Place and Preacher of the Introductory Sermon for the next meeting of the Association: E. O. Fowlkes, J. C. Williams and W. P. Roberts.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

19. After devotional exercises conducted by H. H. Shell, the minutes were read and approved.

20. Letters from Mt. Pleasant and Bay Shore churches were read and messengers enrolled.

21. The report on Sunday Schools was read by W. P. Roberts and, after discussion by W. P. Roberts, W. J. E. Cox, H. H. Shell, J. C. Williams, Frank Barlow, J. R. Newell, E. R. Quattlebaum and E. O. Fowlkes, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Sunday School is the most important part of our church work, and gets less encouragement from the older members of our churches, especially in the country churches. Most of our faithful church workers are from the Sunday school, or have realized the importance of Sunday schools. In the bounds of the Association there are 19 churches, 17 of whom reported Sunday schools last year. Since

that time one of those two have organized a Sunday school with good attendance.

We wish to call the attention of the Association to the work of Miss Lida Robertson at Wheelerville and at Mission Church in the McKenzie neighborhood, where good schools have been maintained. We point to these schools to show what competent leaders can do in Sunday school work. In some of the schools there has been a marked increase, while others have been at a standstill; yet there has been an increase of 10 per cent. over all, which brings our present membership to 1,536 from 1,397 last year.

All of the schools are self-sustaining, so far as we can learn. In the surrounding and intermediate territory there are many points where schools ought to be established with our help. The increase in our church membership has been largely from the Sunday school. In conclusion we would make two suggestions for the prayerful consideration of the brethren: As our country is being filled up with people from the cold climates of the Northwest and our County School Board is making an effort to put schools within the reach of all, and thus reduce the illiterate condition of our people, so we should make the same effort to put Sunday schools in reach of all, so as to teach them something of the Master. (2) One of the most serious problems before us is the lack of superintendents and teachers, for with good officers and teachers to instruct them our young people would be more pious than under present conditions, for it is through religious influence that we must overcome evil and bring the social and religious gatherings of our young to a higher order and thus lead them to a consecrated life. We are of the opinion that much good can be done by this method, to-wit: Let each self-sustaining school order more literature than needed by the school and have a committee of two or more to carry the literature so ordered into the homes of those who do not attend Sunday school.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. ROBERTS, Chairman.

22. The report on the Orphanage was read by the clerk and adopted, after discussion by W. J. E. Cox and W. B. Crumpton.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

There is nothing more deserving of our sympathy and assistance than a HOME for the reception, care and protection of orphans generally, but especially should the Home for Baptist Orphans in our State appeal to and receive our sympathy and assistance.

The Baptist Orphanage at Evergreen, Alabama, was established in March, 1893, and since its doors were first opened, it has had under its protection 135 children. There are at this time 64 children under its protection.

The matron and her assistants are doing a noble work in instructing these orphan children spiritually and in otherwise preparing them for usefulness in this life.

The property of the "Orphanage" consists of 80 acres of land, 35 of which are farm lands, 25 acres woods and 20 acres pasture. There is also a twenty (20) room brick house and two (2) tenant houses. The property is worth \$12,000 and is entirely unencumbered.

At present it takes about \$11 per day for the support of the children now under the care of this institution. As the number of children in the Orphanage increase, the amount of money required to properly feed and clothe them increases. There is no endowment and the only source of income is the offerings of friends of the institution and what is made on the farm, which is a part of the property of the "Orphanage."

It has come to the knowledge of your committee that one of the urgent necessities of the Orphanage at this time is a building separate from the other buildings of the institution—one in which the sick can be isolated and treated with the least possible danger of spreading disease. With this "sick ward" the sick of the institution could be taken care of to much better advantage, and in the event of an epidemic of malarial nature (such as was experienced at the Orphanage last fall) or other character, would lessen the danger of spreading disease.

Having this magnificent property unencumbered and having so many children under its care and protection, we should not be unmindful of our duty to assist them and thus enable the noble band of workers to give to these orphan children the necessities of life. We should not turn a deaf ear to the wants of this institution, but should be guided in the matter as enjoined by John the Baptist (Luke 3:11) "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath not; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise."

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. YOUNG,
A. M. THOMPSON, }
J. R. NEWELL, } Committee.

23. It was decided to take a collection at 8 p. m. for the Orphanage, and on Sunday morning for Missions.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

24. After devotional exercises, the report on Temperance was called for, and read by E. R. Quattlebaum, and after discussion by W. J. E. Cox, J. R. Newell, A. B. Gaston, G. J. Robertson and Frank Barlow, was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

There can be no doubt in the mind of any reasonable person that the whiskey traffic is the most powerful agent for evil now operating in human society. It encourages vice, dishonors God, destroys soul and body. It represents the most heartless, gigantic and cold-blooded traffic in blood that the world has ever known. It is evil, only evil, and that continually. It is a child of the Devil and leads to moral and spiritual death.

We have the power, and as Christians we should concentrate all of our God-given powers, and hurl them with irresistible fury against this most relentless, insatiable, pitiless, soul-destroying enemy. We should not only do this work and pray for the destruction of this monster traffic, but we should each and every one of us pledge not to use intoxicating liquor of any kind as a beverage on any occasion.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. QUATTLEBAUM.

25. The report on Woman's Work was read by W. J. E. Cox, and adopted after discussion by W. B. Crumpton and W. J. E. Cox.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Our former vice-president, finding it impossible to attend to the Woman's work of the Association and the Sunday School work too resigned in favor of the Sunday school work and an official successor has not yet been appointed.

The reports were as follows: The women of St. Francis-street Baptist church contributed to various causes \$65.00; Palmetto-street church \$298.00; Bayou la Batre church \$38.65. The ladies of Dauphin-street Mission made \$40.00 on an entertainment to assist in securing a pastor.

One member of the committee has visited five Sunday schools in the State and instructed them in methods of teaching.

In some of the churches the women have no Ladies' Aid Societies and send in the money which they raise through their associational letter.

We still have difficulty in obtaining reports from the women of what they are doing and of what they have accomplished.

LIDA B. ROBERTSON,
LAURA M. PUGH.

26. Committee on Time, Place and Preacher of Introductory Sermon reported as follows:

Time—Thursday before the second Sunday in July, 1901, at 8 p. m.

Place—to be reported at some future time to the Executive Committee.

Preacher—Rev. J. S. Lambert. Alternate, W. J. E. Cox.

Adopted.

27. E. O. Fowlkes read the report of Committee on Nominations, as follows:

Executive Committee—W. J. E. Cox, W. P. Roberts, A. M. Thompson, H. H. Shell, J. B. Robertson, Frank Barlow, T. C. Gaston, A. B. Gaston, A. J. Hubbard, R. L.

Maupin, Geo. W. Burns, W. T. West and E. O. Fowlkes.

Adopted.

28. The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance on hand as per report to last Association, November 2, 1899.....	\$ 40 60
Received of A. M. Thomson, Chairman of Finance Committee of last Association for minutes	\$36 85
For Missions.....	5 50—42 35
Citronelle check, bal. due on last year's contribution	2 00
Bayou la Batre, bal. due on last year's contribution.	1 25

Contributions made by the following churches
for the eight months ending July, 1st.

Palmetto-street church \$12 80; Sunday school	\$7 50.	20 30
St. Francis-St church \$263 21; Sunday school \$17 66..	280 87	
Shady Grove church.....	5 00	
Providence church.....	5 00	
Grand Bay church.....	3 00	
Dauphin-street Mission	11 64	
Special collection taken up by the Executive Committee for State Missions, W. J. Young \$1; G. A. Brown \$1; T. C. Gaston \$1.....	3 00	
J. R. Newell.....	5 00	
Mauvilla church for State, Home and Foreign Missions, one-third each	10 00-\$430 01	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid E. R. Quattlebaum, clerk.....	\$ 10 00
Four hundred copies of the Minutes.....	28 35
Assisted the following churches:	
Grand Bay.....	32 00
Mauvilla.....	31 00
Pine Grove.....	25 00
Shady Grove.....	32 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	21 00
Providence.....	30 00
Bayou la Batre.....	30 00
Citronelle.....	5 00
For printing 500 Association letters.....	5 00
Remitted State Secretary 25 % on \$316 90 collected..	79 22-\$328 57

Balance on hand..... \$ 101 44

Amounts received during Association from
Church letters, messengers and cash collections.

For Minutes.....	29 90
Orphanage.....	46 50
Foreign Missions.....	21 52
Home Missions.....	23 52
State Missions.....	23 26
Ministerial Education.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 146 70

29. The B. Y. P. U. report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF B. Y. P. U.

This movement among the Baptist young people is not ten years old. July 8, 1891, a meeting was held in the city of Chicago, composed of representatives from Baptist churches in different parts of America. Their meeting proved to be the beginning of what is now a most important phase of Baptist work. It was organized on a basis so broad that any society of Baptist churches, or young people of any Baptist church who have no organization, are entitled to its privileges. What is so phenomenal is its growth in numbers, influence and knowledge of importance. The key to all of this is lodged in the nature of the organization.

The distinctive work of the organization is educational. If carried to its last analysis, every branch of Christian work is by nature educational. The christianizing and edifying of men are only processes or the result of the process of training. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Salvation is the smaller half of the commission: Culture and growth constitutes the greater part. We may safely say that the entire efforts of this organization are bent to meet two long-felt needs: 1st. Christian culture and development of character: that men and women may have an intelligent conception of the requirements of religion. A consciousness of Christian duty is a felt need. In part, it was for the installation of this, that the organization was effected. The enlisting of the activities—the mobilization of the forces of the young in this great Southern country. How marvelous will be the results? Think of six million of young people in America organized and trained as a force for the evangelization of lands where Christ is not known! This is a noble work and the hand of God is obviously seen in all of its movements. Dr. Vedder in his history of the Baptists says, "Nothing is clearer than its birth was of Divine Providence." Perhaps, there is not a state in the Union into which it has not gone; and few districts in any State where it is not known.

THE WORK IN ALABAMA AND OUR ASSOCIATION.

The work in the State is growing rapidly and receiving the attention due it from the leading men of our denomination. There are in the state about 50 Unions, with probably 2,000 members. These Unions contributed during the past year about \$1,000.00. The work in the bounds of our Association has not grown as in other parts of the State. Perhaps our churches have not been able to discern the exigency of the action. The necessity of organizing a society is sometimes removed by the conditions of a community. Discretion should be used that it may not supersede the Sunday school. We realize its importance and urge the churches to organize Unions when such can be done with profit. Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BOSDELL, Chairman.

30. H. H. Shell was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and A. B. Gaston and J. C. Williams, alternates. E. O. Fowlkes was appointed a committee to raise the necessary funds to defray the expenses of the delegate.

31. W. P. Roberts, R. L. Maupin and E. O. Fowlkes were elected delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

32. The following resolution was offered by W. J. E. Cox:

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee be requested to ask the churches of the Association to raise, if possible, during this year the sum of \$2,500 for State, Home and Foreign Missions, and that the Executive Committee apportion the amount to be contributed by each church.

After discussion by W. B. Crumpton, R. L. Maupin, H. H. Shell and A. B. Gaston it was adopted.

33. The following resolution was offered by H. H. Shell:

RESOLVED, That we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to this church and community for the cordial hospitality we have received at their hands.

Adopted.

34. A. H. Hubbard offered the following resolution which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That in order to create an interest among the young people, members of our churches in the Association, a cordial invitation be extended to them to attend the meetings of the Association, and that the churches are requested to send them as visitors, if not as messengers.

35. The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

State Missions—W. T. West, G. W. Burns, W. P. Roberts.

Home Missions—Frank Barlow, H. P. Hanson, J. O. Bolton.

Foreign Missions—T. H. Frazer, Chas. Hall, J. H. Locke.

Sunday Schools—John C. Williams, T. C. Hand, A. M. Thompson.

Education—W. J. Young, J. H. Locke, J. E. Alberson.

Woman's Work—Miss Laura Pugh, Miss Mary Williams, Miss Emma McLean.

Orphanage—D. P. Bestor, W. A. Alexander, H. H. Shell.

Temperance—J. B. Robertson, A. B. Gaston, T. W. Coleman.

B. Y. P. U.—Dexter F. Russell, W. U. Bailey, T. W. Davis.

36. W. J. E. Cox offered an amendment to Article II of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows:

It shall be composed of all pastors within the bounds of this Association and of messengers from Baptist Churches holding substantially the articles of Faith adopted by this body. Each Church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members.

Adopted,

37. A vote of thanks was extended to Bro. W. B. Crumpton for the interest he gave to the meetings by his presence and addresses; also to the Clerk for his faithful services; and to the officers of the Mobile and Bay Shore R. R. for reduced rates; and that the Clerk make known to the railroad company in writing, the action of the Association.

SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION.

38. After devotional exercises in which Bro. Jas. Crenshaw led in prayer, Bro. H. H. Shell preached from Luke 9:13. A collection was then taken up for the Orphanage amounting to \$9.39.

SUNDAY.

39. 9.30 a. m. the Sunday School was conducted by G. J. Robertson, and Miss Lida Robertson instructed the teachers in simplifying Bible truths and demonstrated it in a lesson to the children before the whole school.

11 a. m. Sermon by Bro. W. B. Crumpton from Psalms 2:8, after which a collection was taken up for Missions amounting to \$15.68.

8 p. m. Professor Foster made an address in the interest of Howard College, which was followed by a sermon from W. J. E. Cox on Isaiah 35:8 to 10.

A letter from Zion Church was read and the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, after which the Association adjourned.

R. L. MAUPIN, Moderator.

G. J. ROBERTSON, Clerk and Treas.

Ladies' Aid Societies.

St. Francis Street, Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. Wm. T. Pettus, President.

Mrs. J. H. Locke, Secretary.

Grand Bay Church, Grand Bay, Mobile County, Ala.

Mrs. L. N. Brock, President.

M. A. De Vol, Secretary.

Shady Grove Church, Brannon, Mobile County, Ala.

Mrs. Nancy McCormac, President.

Miss Dollie Stevens, Secretary.

Bayou la Batre Church, Bayou la Batre, Mobile County, Ala.

Mrs. S. Simonson, President.

Miss Emma McLean, Secretary.

Palmetto Street Church, Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. Pearl Spear, President.

Miss Alive V. Paulin, Secretary.

Ordained Ministers Connected with Association.

[No names except those reported in Church Letters to the
Association are inserted here.]

*Lambert, J. S.	Healing Springs, Ala.
*Newell, J. R.	Spring Hill, Ala.
Helveston, F. M.	Semmes, Ala.
Hanson, H. P.	Gasque, Ala.
Lombard, J. S.	St. Elmo, Ala.
Thompson, J. U., Jr.	St. Elmo, Ala.
*Bosdell, D. W.	Whistler, Ala.
*Shell, H. H.	Mobile, Ala.
*Hall, J. M.	Mobile, Ala.
Vane, Jean	Pensacola, Fla.
*Cox, W. J. E.	Mobile, Ala.
*Mason, H. C.	Chicora, Miss.
Brock, L. N.	Mobile, Ala.
*Robertson, Milton	Bestor, Ala.
Munroe, Jas	

* Pastors of Churches in the Association.



Statistics of Membership of the Mobile Baptist Association, 1900.

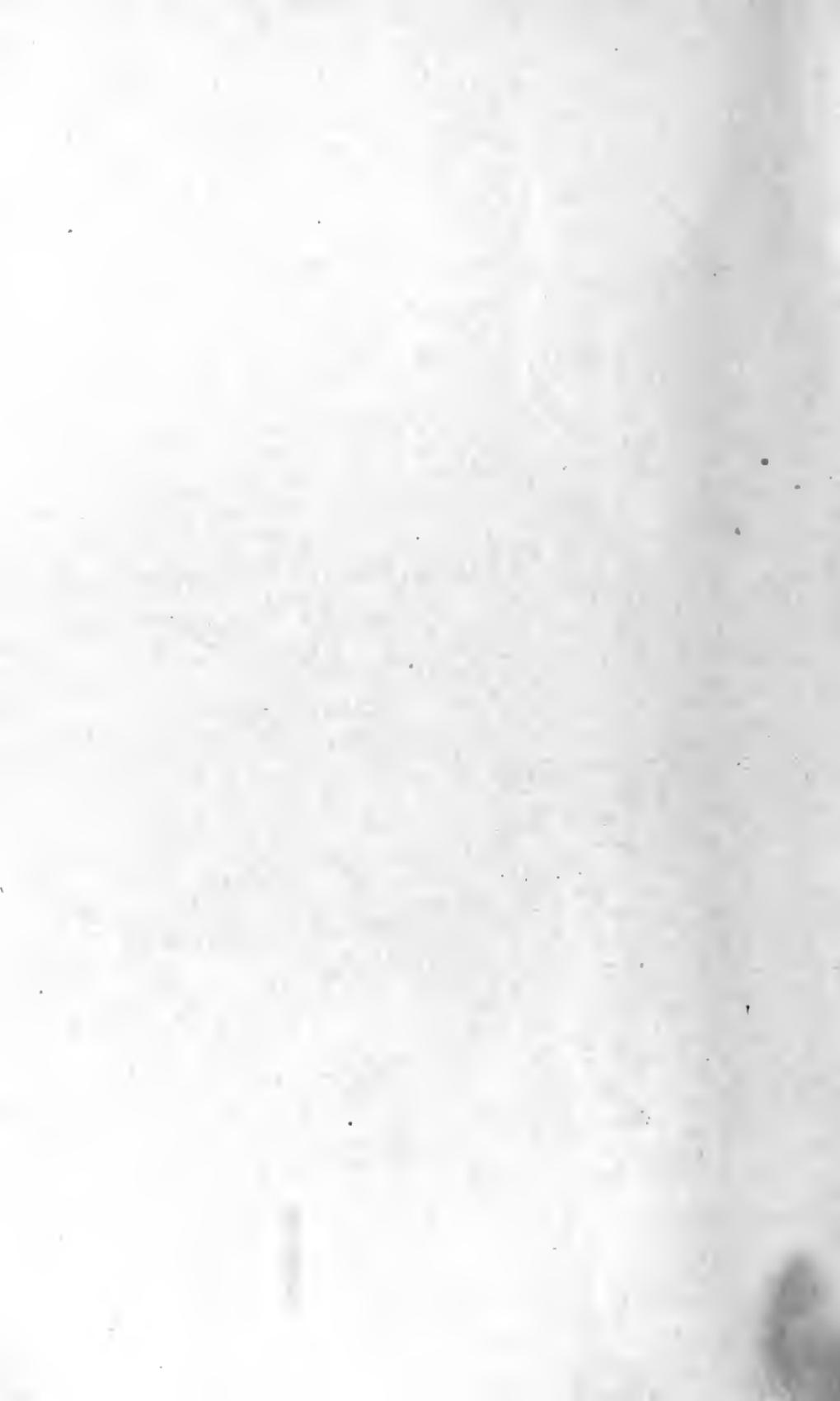
Organized.	Name of Church.	County.	Name of Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's Post Office.	Increase by		Decrease by		Present Number.
						Baptism	Exper'nce.	Restorat'n	Letter.	
						Letter..	Exclusion.	Death.	Erasure..	
1855 St. Francis Street	Mobile		W. J. E. Cox	W. A. Alexander	Mobile, Ala.	12	41	7	8	21
1872 Palmetto Street	"	H. H. Shell	J. E. Patterson	"	"	9	3	7	4	21
1888 Shell Banks	Baldwin	H. C. Mason	Sam Nelson	Gasque, Ala.	"	"	"	"	2	366
1888 Theodore	Mobile	H. C. Mason	W. H. Smith	Theodore, Ala.	"	"	"	"	2	369
1886 Citronelle	"	J. S. Lambert	T. W. Coleman	Citronelle, Ala.	"	"	"	"	2	75
1889 Providence	Baldwin	J. M. Hall	G. W. Burns	Stockton, Ala.	"	"	"	"	2	26
1883 Shady Grove	Mobile	M. E. Lambert	Noel Turner	Spring Hill, Ala.	"	"	"	"	1	7
1886 Mauville	"	J. S. Lambert	A. B. Williams	Mauville, Ala.	"	"	"	"	1	24
1886 Grand Bay	Baldwin	M. E. Lambert	J. E. Alherson	Grand Bay, Ala.	"	"	"	"	1	40
1878 Bay Minette	"	J. S. Lambert	H. G. Stanmeyers	Bay Minette, Ala.	"	"	"	"	1	12
1881 Bayou la Batre	Mobile	O. T. White	Bayou la Batre, Ala.	"	"	"	"	"	1	24
1889 Newell's Chapel	"	J. R. Newell	T. A. Long	Mobile, Ala.	"	"	"	"	1	24
1868 Union	"	D. W. Bosdell	W. L. Fields	St. Elmo, Ala.	"	"	"	"	1	36
1878 Mount Pleasant	"	Milton Robertson	J. A. Wolf	Semmes, Ala.	"	"	"	"	1	22
1881 Bay Shore	Baldwin	H. C. Mason	Chas. Hall	Daphne, Ala.	"	"	"	"	1	53
1876 Zion	Mobile	M. E. Hulbert	J. N. Pollard	Mobile, Ala.	"	"	"	"	1	28
1878 Bethany	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	71
1855 Brook Cedron	Baldwin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	*69
1884 Pine Grove	Mobile	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	*22
TOTAL					29	52	4	1	30	18
									19	30
									1806	

† No Report. * Number Last Reported.



Total Contributions to all Objects, Including Church, Sunday School and Societies,

Name of Church.	Pastor's Salary & Church Expenses	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education	Minutes	Other Objects.	Total	Value of Church Property
St. Francis Street	\$ 3195.82	\$ 1025.81	\$ 276.85	\$ 311.81	\$ 208.76	\$ 2.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1114.99	\$ 6144.04	\$ 60000.00
Palmetto Street	1866.60	28.85	19.44	20.30	13.25	5.00	2.00	22.00	1417.44	13400.00
Shelby Banks	144.90	.....	3.56	3.56	3.56	.....	1.00	.....	156.68	600.00
Theodore	163.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	164.90	700.00
Citronelle	20.84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	21.34	1000.00
Providence	100.00	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	1.00	.....	106.00	not g'vn
Slidell Grove	57.07	.....	5.00	3.33	3.34	.....	1.00	.....	63.07	500.00
Manville	125.00	.....	3.33	3.00	3.00	.....	5.00	.....	135.50	600.00
Ground Bay	30.00	.....	6.00	3.05	3.05	10.00	5.00	.....	33.50	not g'vn
Bay Minette	115.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.90	.....	152.00	1500.00
Bayou la Batre	15.22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.22	1200.00
Newell's Chapel	.....	.....	5.25	4.50	4.50	.....	2.00	19.05	21.65	150.00
Institution	9.00	.....	5.25	.....	13.41	.....	2.20	.....	34.36	500.00
Mount Pleasant	36.00	.....	.....	.....	21.00	.....	2.00	.....	38.00	100.00
Bay Shore	70.00	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	1.00	.....	372.00	800.00
Zion	250.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.65	.....	263.65	1500.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 5628.95	\$ 1070.04	\$ 313.68	\$ 360.31	\$ 281.98	\$ 2.00	\$ 30.85	\$ 1170.94	\$ 8858.75	\$ 76550.00



Statistics and Contributions of the Sunday School.

Name of Church.	When Organized.	Superintendent.	Postoffice Address.	Contributions.				Total	
				Other Objects.		Orphanage.			
				State Missions		Home Missions			
				Foreign Missions	Current Expenses				
St. Francis Street	1845	T. H. Frazer	Mobile, Mobile County...	32	340	219	9	\$ 225.51	
Dauphin St. Miss'n	1845	G. J. Robertson	Mobile, " "	8	65	45	8	48.61	
Palmetto Street	1871	W. J. Young	Mobile, "	19	243	130	8	45.98	
Shell Banks	1870	E. G. Strong	Casque, Baldwin Co...	5	35	25	0	22.48	
Theodore	.....	None	.....	.....	.....	12.00	35	12.00
Cirronelle	.....	None	.....	.....	.....	12.00	90	90
Providence	1808	W. J. Bayles	Stockton, Baldwin Co...	5	40	25	4	2.00	
Shady Grove	.....	A. J. Hubbard	Springhill, Mobile Co...	3	30	20	0	.....
Mauvilla	1833	J. C. Williams	Mauvilla, Mobile Co...	5	36	18	0	6.00	
Grand Bay	1805	D. F. Burns	Grand Bay, Mobile Co...	8	72	55	0	.....
Bay Minette	.....	T. C. Hand	Baldwin Co...	7	50	35	0	20.00
Bayou la Batre	1881	Jas. Grenshaw	Bayou la Batre, Mobile Co	7	50	35	0	15.23	
Newell's Chapel	1900	Lafayette Newell	Springhill, Mobile Co...	3	30	20	0	.....
Union	1883	W. L. Fields	St. Elmo, Mobile Co...	7	38	30	0	7.50	
Mount Pleasant	1808	J. F. Hernan	Crichton, Mobile Co...	7	35	20	0	8.00	
Bay Shore	.....	None	.....	.....	.....	30	0	4.00
Zion	.....	W. H. Pollard	Mobile, Mobile Co...	5	50	30	0	.....
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brook Cedron	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	114	1064	622	21	\$ 364.70	\$ 59.47	\$ 10.81	\$ 45.36	
								\$ 25.50	
								\$ 571.25	

† No Report.





